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IN MEMORIAM

DON PERLIN

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Marvel pauses to remember longtime penciler, inker and former managing art director Don Perlin, who co-created Moon Knight and was a mainstay on series such as *Defenders*, *Ghost Rider* and *Werewolf by Night*. Born Aug. 27, 1929, in New York City, Perlin studied under Burne Hogarth and attended the Cartoonists and Illustrators School. He began professional work in the late 1940s and would work with Will Eisner on *The Spirit* comics before being drafted in 1953. Perlin wouldn't come back to comics full-time until the 1970s, when Marvel Editor in Chief Roy Thomas recruited him to draw *Werewolf by Night*. In that series, he co-created the vigilante hero Moon Knight with writer Doug Moench. He also co-created Tigra with Tony Isabella and was the longest-running penciler on the *Defenders* series. In the 1980s, he became Marvel's managing art director, working under John Romita Sr. and, among other things, helping oversee the up-and-coming artists in the Romita's Raiders program. He moved on in the 1990s to Acclaim and Valiant comics, where he co-created some of their most important characters. Perlin was well-liked in the comics field and respected for decades of great work. Our hearts go out to his family and all those who knew and loved him.



With his mutant healing factor, enhanced senses and razor-sharp adamantium claws, the mutant known as **LOGAN** has been sought after and used as a weapon countless times in his long life.

Now he serves no man, doing what he does best wherever he sees fit as the **WOLVERINE**.

Vampires, using Darkforce energy to blot out the sun, are free to roam the Earth, terrorizing humanity in a bid for world domination. Not if Wolverine can help it!

MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS

WOLVERINE

BLOOD HUNT

Logan reunited with **NIGHTGUARD**, his old vampire-hunting ally (who is herself a vampire), to fend off waves of vampire attackers. The duo discovered these vamps are commanded by **MAVERICK**, another of Wolverine's old allies and a newly minted vampire, who was hoping to recruit Logan to lend his formidable fighting skills and mutant powers to support their army.

After tracking Maverick to his island base, they realized Mav's cameras weren't picking up Nightguard—like all vampires, she can't be captured on video. So Wolverine purposely injured himself to slow his healing factor and offered her his own neck—becoming a vampire to evade Maverick's surveillance systems.

Unbeknownst to Wolverine and Nightguard, Maverick is under the hypnotic thrall of **ALYSSA**, the queen of this rogue assembly of vamps looking to take over when the dust settles across the world. And now she's got a new plan—with Wolverine a vampire and not just a soldier, who better to be her king?

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**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND,
CALIFORNIA.**



That's
it, pal.

Nice and
easy.

Maverick.
Elite merc.
Ex-mutant.

We go way
back. He--

Hear me now,
Wolverine...

...listen to Alyssa.
That time is through.
That life is gone.

But...me and Mav--
Served together
more times than I
can count. He's--

Standing in the way
of our glorious future
together. You and me.

Gotta admit, that was
one helluva gauntlet me and
Alyssa ran you through.

Soldiers, Mercs, Aqueos
and Claw Sect vamps--we threw
the entire freakin' Kitchen
sink at you.

And yet,
here you are. Just
like I knew you'd be.
Passed every single
test with flying colors
and ready to
join me.

Just like
old times.

Ignore him,
Wolverine. Your past
with Maverick doesn't
matter anymore.
All that matters
now is me...

...your
queen.

My...
queen.

No. Not quite
every test, Maverick. I
said I'm in search of my
future king.

And that
requires one
final test.

SNIKT

Wait--
what?

A test of
combat...



...to the death!

GRAHHH!



GAAHH!

Sacre-bleu!



Do not make me regret this plan, Logan.



Pardonnez-moi, soldats...

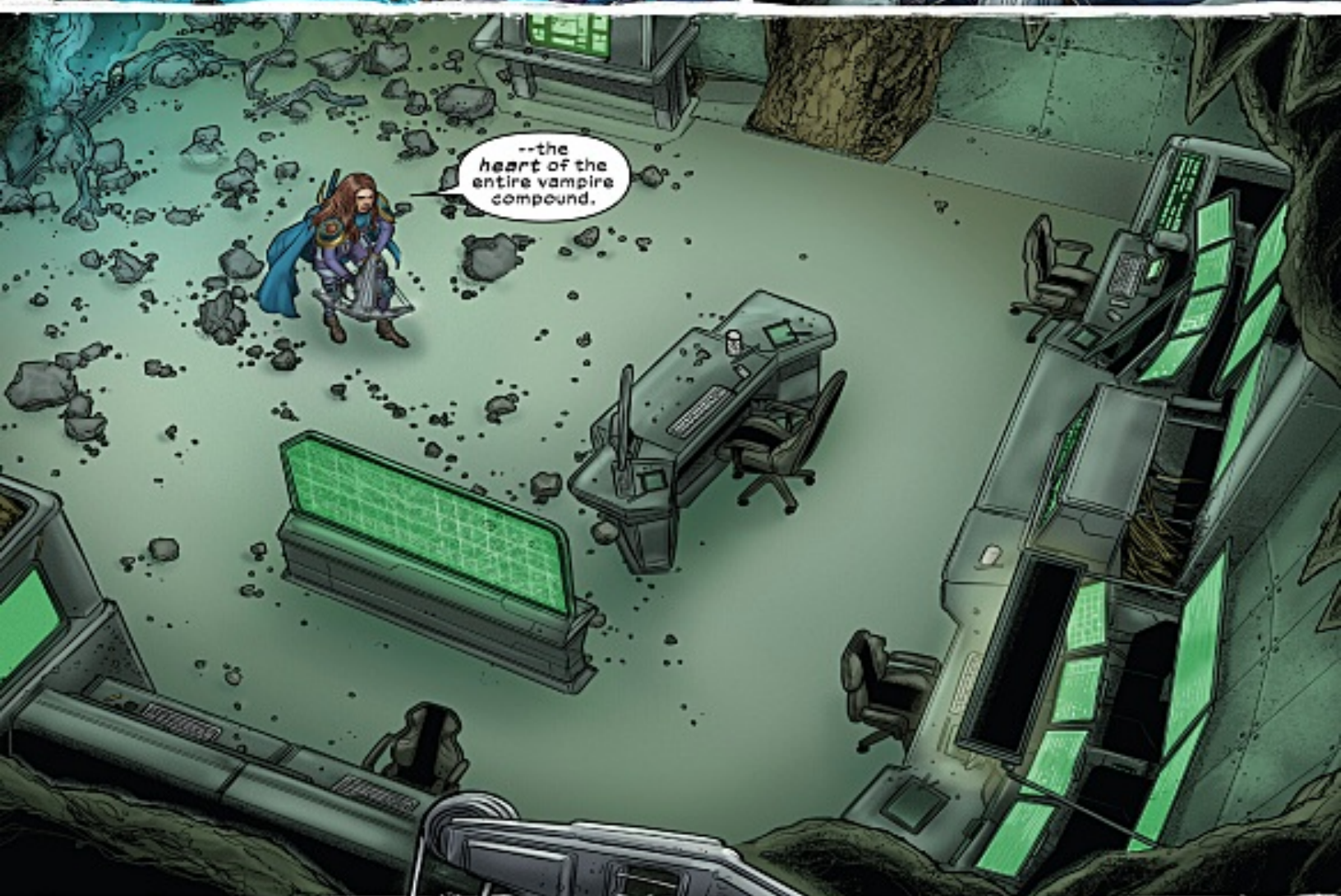
Who the--



RNT!



...but I must know what it is behind the large doors.









Wait!



This is all wrong!

BLAM

Uff!



All wrong.

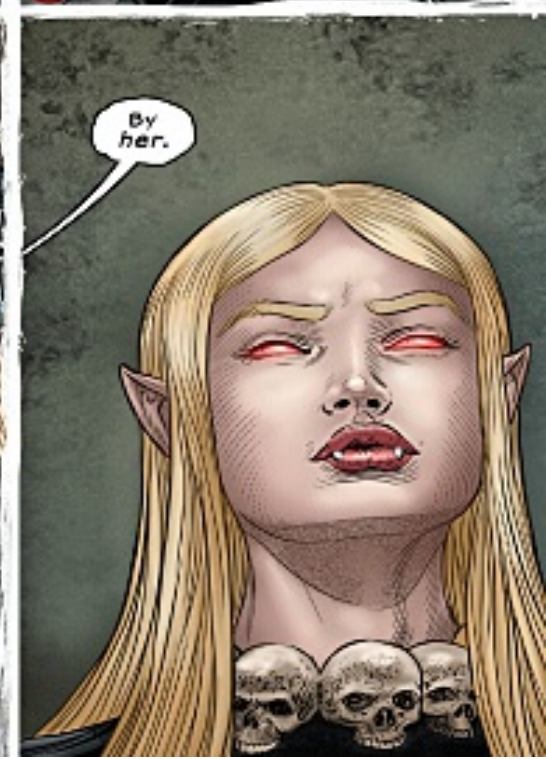


I dunno, MAY...



...feels right to me.







Just like she's fooling you now.

Wait-- what the hell am I doin'?

May's a friend. Sorta.

And Alyssa's--

Do you believe him, Wolverine...



...this jealous, petty man who says such terrible things about your queen?

But he's... I...



No. Alyssa's right. He's *lyin'* through his teeth.

I see what you're up to, bub. Messin' with my head again.

Your stupid psyop mind games mighta tricked me *this* far, but they ain't gonna work no more.



Always said you're good at what you do. Great even.

But Alyssa here--she's a queen. Royalty. She wants a king?



She deserves the best there is.



But seein' as I ain't the jealous type...

...I'm gonna let her keep your pretty little head for a souvenir.







...that's where.

Logan?

Hm. It seems I've surprise competition for your affections, Wolverine.

Not for long.



Quoi?!

NFF!



FUMP

Excellent reflexes...



...I'm impressed. Not many are able to avoid such an attack from our hairy mutant friend.

All for naught, I'm afraid. He's a stubborn one, our Wolverine...



...especially once he's set his mind to a bloody task.

I'm gonna--

Do not patronize me, sorcière. I know his mind is not his own. Just as I know who and what you are... Alyssa, leader of the Siren Sect.

Just as I know what I must do.



Hold up.

Louise...?

Yes, Logan. And I am sorry...



...but
this will
hurt!

HRNGK!

SLIP



You...
you...

Please,
mon ami, you
must break her
spell.

Heal
yourself.
Return
to me.



French
cow!



I will
tear your
heart out!



As I told
the soldiers I
destroyed
before...



...you
may try.

Try...



...try to think.
Concentrate.

Blasted UV-faced
sword...turnin'
my guts into
mincemeat.

Killin' me.

Gotta get it
out before...


hrrn...
hrrn...



...it's
too
late.


HRRRAUGH!

**SH
NK
KKK**

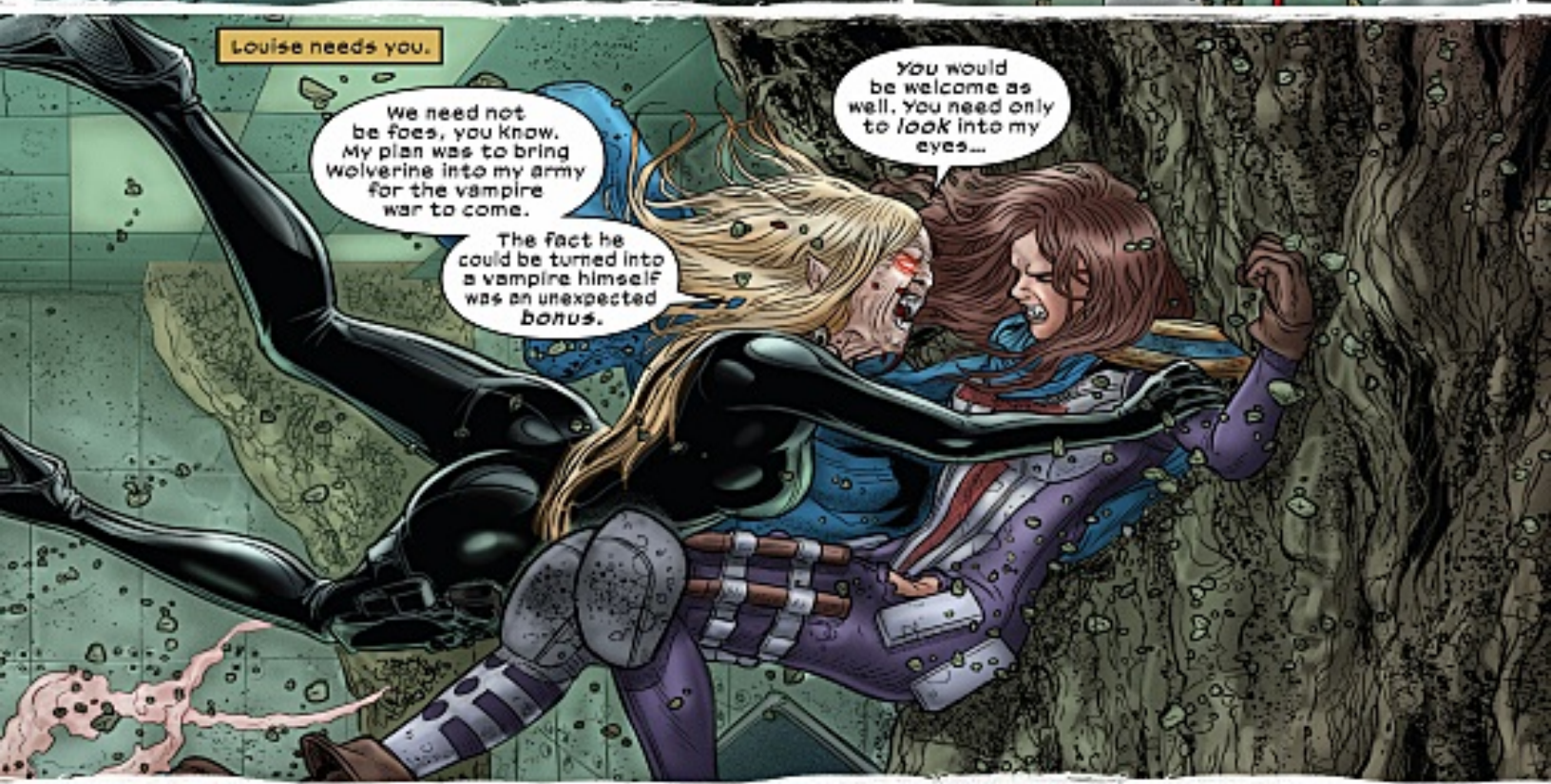


Alyssa's outta my head.
Healing factor's kickin' the
vamp enzyme from my body.

Liver stitchin' itself
back together.
Intestines too.



C'mon, runt...
heal faster.




Louise needs you.


We need not
be foes, you know.
My plan was to bring
Wolverine into my army
for the vampire
war to come.

The fact he
could be turned into
a vampire himself
was an unexpected
bonus.

You would
be welcome as
well. You need only
to look into my
eyes...



...you'll see
I'm telling
the truth.



The **stench**
pouring from your
mouth makes that
impossible.

And I've
trained with the
greatest masters
on Sevalith. Your
hypnotic parlor
tricks...





...or some ~~SHIT~~ like that.

So...our weapon of mass destruction had a secret weapon of his own all along. Damn pretty one too.

Mav!



This is all on you, bub! This whole ~~SHIT~~ mess!

Those kid soldiers in Barstow, your Mercs...you threw 'em all into the meat grinder, man. And for what?

For what?!



For love, Logan.

Love?



She came to me with a job offer but turned me instead. Alyssa. Filled my head with all kinds of lies about how she loved me...

...how we were gonna rule the new vampire world together. And worst of all?

I liked the lies.



There's a monster that lives inside me. A bleedin' heart voice too.

Constantly fightin' for my attention.

Release your comrade, Logan.



Alyssa is dead. The blood curse is broken. He is human again.

There are no more monsters here.

Hah. And here I always thought you were the one with terrible taste in women, pal.

This time...



...the voice wins.

EPILOGUE.

--got a CH-46 heading your way outta Camp Pendleton. Should be there in about 15 mikes. What's the sitrep on Maverick?

In the wind.

Copy that.

Just get on that chopper and get home ASAP, Logan.

Things got pretty rough out here, but it's starting to look like your super-duper pals might finally be turning the tide. You won your battle...

...now get your spandex butt back into the war.

Bannister out.

You should not think too harshly of your comrade, Logan...

...Maverick's mind was not his own. Just as yours was not.

Yeah. I know, Louise. I got no truck with Mav about any of this bloodsucking mess. Not anymore.

It's just...what he said about *likin'* havin' Alyssa in his head, tellin' him all those pretty lies?

I know exactly what he meant.

That is the seductive pull of vampirism. Dark, unrelenting...and never silent.

Which is why I must return to *Sevalith* now.

The longer I stay in this world, the more difficult it is for me to resist my own vampiric urges.



This island...
Santa Cruz.
It means *Holy Cross*.

A rather
ironic name,
non?

You mean
like a vampire
who calls herself
Nightguard,
dresses in a giant
cross and
hunts *other*
vampires?

Whole world's goin'
straight to hell.

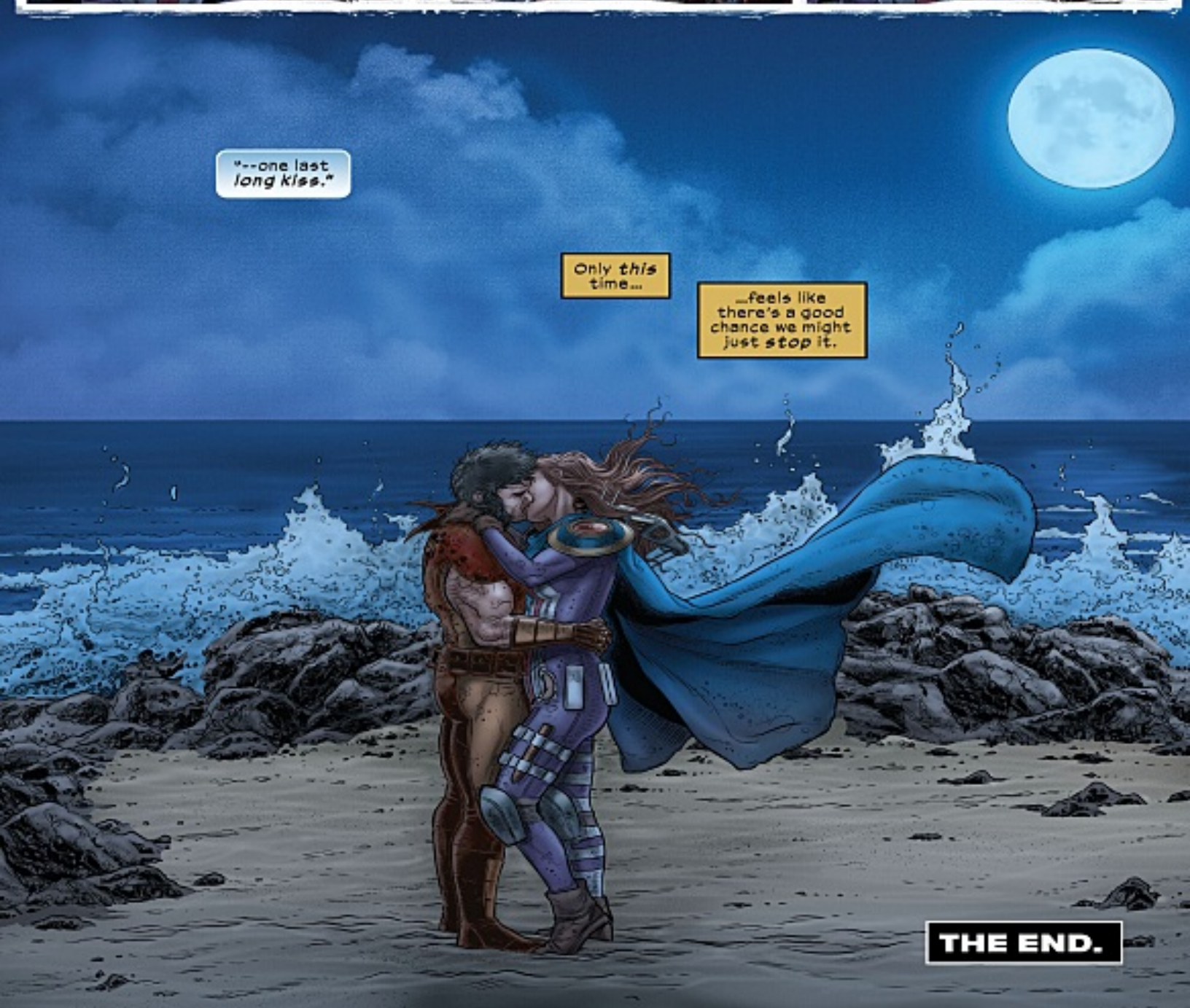


Which ain't exactly
breaking news these
days, I know.

Touché.



Well,
then, *mon ami*.
Before we
part--



"--one last
long kiss."

Only *this*
time...

...feels like
there's a good
chance we might
just *stop* it.

THE END.

NEXT:

The vampire horde may be behind him, but Wolverine's bloodiest battles still lie ahead!



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